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Hearing: “The SAFE Port Act”

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,
and Cybersecurity
Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

Mr. Jayson Ahern
Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Captain Brian Salerno
Deputy Director, Inspections & Compliance
United States Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity will consider the “Security and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act.”

The SAFE Ports Act is a comprehensive proposal to strengthen the maritime transportation system through a layered security strategy that builds on existing initiatives to secure the supply chain from the point of origin to delivery in the United States. Specifically,

the bill takes steps to: prevent threats from reaching the United States, track and protect containers en route, and harden security at U.S. ports.

Subcommittee Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA) and Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA) introduced the legislation on Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

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